

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 36, 42, 48, 53, 54, 56, 59 and 61 being independent. Claims 1-47 have been withdrawn from consideration, and claims 48, 53, 54, 59 and 61 have been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 48 may be found in the application at, for example, page 4, lines 14-16. Support for the amendments to claims 53, 54, 59 and 61 may be found in the application at, for example, page 9, lines 24-27. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 48-63 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Tang in view of Sloan. While applicant continues to believe that the rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons presented in applicant's prior response, applicant has further amended claims 48, 53, 54, 59 and 61 in order to expedite prosecution of this application. In particular, in response to comments by the Examiner in the advisory action that conditions in the chambers were not found in the claims, applicant has amended the claims to more explicitly recite these conditions.

With respect to claim 48 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because neither Tang, Sloan, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests conducting formation of the organic compound layer without decreasing the purity of the high-purity organic compound, as recited in amended claim 48. Tang, at Fig. 2A and col. 4, lines 46-50, notes that the donor support 24 with the donor coating 23 enters and leaves the reduced pressure chamber 21 through ports. As such, the donor support 24 is exposed to the atmosphere outside the chamber 21 such that the purity of the organic compound is decreased.

Indeed, Tang notes, at col. 4, lines 41-44, that, in a preferred arrangement, a heating station 40 is used to eliminate volatile contaminants such as water vapor from the donor coating 23. Thus, Tang specifically contemplates that the purity of the organic compound will be decreased, and offers a technique for remedying some of this decrease, rather than describing or suggesting that the decrease may be avoided using a technique such as that recited in claim 48. Sloan does not remedy this failure of Tang. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 53 and its dependent claim 57, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because neither Tang, Sloan, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests conducting the purifying and the evaporating continuously without exposing the purified organic compound to air outside the first and second chambers. As noted above, Tang specifically contemplates that the donor support 24 with the donor coating 23 will enter and leave the reduced pressure chamber 21 through ports, and will be exposed to contaminants, such as water vapor, that would be found in air outside the chambers. As such, Tang fails to describe or suggest at least this aspect of claim 53. Sloan does not remedy this failure of Tang. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Like claim 53, each of claims 54, 59 and 61 has been amended to recite that the purifying and evaporating are conducted continuously without exposing the purified organic compound to air outside the first and second chambers. In addition, claim 56 already recited that the purified portion is carried from the first chamber to the second chamber without exposing the purified portion to air outside of the chambers. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims, and their dependent claims, for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 53.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$910 check (\$790 for the request for continued examination fee and \$120 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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